

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 5, 2007. Claims 38 to 47 are now pending in the application, with Claims 1 to 37 having been canceled and new Claims 38 to 47 having been added. Claims 38 and 43 are the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 7, 10 to 15, 18 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Publication No. 2006/0190966 (McCissock), and Claims 8, 9, 16, 17 and 20 to 37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over McCissock in view of U.S. Publication No. 2001/0053691 (Harma). It is noted that, while Claims 1 to 37 have been cancelled, the subject matter of newly-added Claims 38 to 47 roughly corresponds to cancelled Claims 20 to 37. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The present invention according to Claim 38 is directed to a video server which is connected to a plurality of control terminals via a first transmission path, and to a plurality of display terminals via a second transmission path. The server has a first reception unit configured to receive a video request from one of the plurality of control terminals via the first transmission path, wherein the video request comprises video designation data designating video data, display terminal designation data designating a display terminal on which the video data is to be displayed, and first identification data identifying a first control terminal that transmitted the video request. The server also has a confirmation data transmission unit configured to transmit first confirmation data to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data via the second

transmission path, and to cause the display terminal to display the first confirmation data. Additionally, the server has a confirmation data reception unit configured to receive confirmation data from a control terminal, in response to the first confirmation data, wherein the confirmation data includes identification data of the control terminal and second confirmation data that is input using the control terminal based on the first confirmation data. A comparison unit is configured to compare the first identification data with the identification data of the control terminal, and compare the first and second confirmation data. A video data transmission unit is configured to transmit the video data designated by the video designation data to the display terminal via the second transmission path, to display the video data, if the comparisons by the comparison unit result in a match. The foregoing video server can be seen to correspond to Fig. 8 and its corresponding description contained in the specification.

Claim 43 is a method claim that substantially corresponds to Claim 38.

The applied art, alone or in any permissible combination, is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of independent Claims 38 and 43, and in particular, is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the features of a video server (i) receiving a video request from one of the plurality of control terminals via the first transmission path, wherein the video request comprises video designation data designating video data, display terminal designation data designating a display terminal on which the video data is to be displayed, and first identification data identifying a first control terminal that transmitted the video request, (ii) transmitting first confirmation data to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data via the second transmission path, and causing the display terminal to display the first confirmation data, (iii) receiving

confirmation data from a control terminal, in response to the first confirmation data, wherein the confirmation data includes identification data of the control terminal and second confirmation data that is input using the control terminal based on the first confirmation data, (iv) comparing the first identification data with the identification data of the control terminal, and comparing the first and second confirmation data, and (v) transmitting the video data designated by the video designation data to the display terminal via the second transmission path, to display the video data, if the comparisons in the comparing step result in a match.

McCissock is seen to disclose that a television distribution facility transmits a message to a user television equipment. Harma is seen to disclose an arrangement in which plural terminals take parts in common session of using a recreational application. However, neither McCissock or Harma teaches that if a video server receives a video request from one of a plurality of control terminals via a first transmission path, wherein the video request comprises video designation data for designating video data, then the video server transmits first confirmation data to a display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data via a second transmission path and causes a display terminal to display the first confirmation data. Further, neither McCissock and Harma teaches that the server receives confirmation data from a control terminal, in response to the first confirmation data, wherein the confirmation data includes identification data of the control terminal and second confirmation data that is input using the control terminal based on the first confirmation data, then the server compares the first identification data with the identification data of the control terminal and compares the first and second confirmation data. Furthermore neither of the references teaches that if the result of the

comparisons indicates a match, then the server transmits video data designated by the video designation data to the display terminal via the second transmission path, to display the video data. Accordingly, it is believed that the present invention is not taught or suggested by the references.

In view of the foregoing, newly-added independent Claims 38 and 43, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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